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1. The Soviet City Commandatura, commanded by Gds Col Bortnikov, was at 7 Hospitalstrasse on 30 November 1949 (1).

2. Former Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau: (2)

a. In early January 1950 occupied by 500 to 600 troops, belonging to one or two companies of a signal unit (radio insignia), one or two companies of an engineer unit and one or two companies of a motor transport unit. About 30 percent of the troops were recruits.

b. Occupied by about 500 troops in mid-January 1950. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black epaulets with an anchor were observed. Passenger cars and motor vehicles were seen.

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3. former SS Kaserne, Wilder Mann (3)

a. Lightly occupied on 5 December 1949. Troops previously quartered in the Kaserne had allegedly not returned.

b. On 16 December 1949 occupied by about 1,200 troops belonging to the following units:

(1) Tank unit of about 250 troops, equipped with 8 to 10 tanks and motor vehicles

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(2) Artillery unit of about 200 men, equipped with motor vehicles

The unit arrived from Koenigsbrueck on 10 December 1949.

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(3) Infantry unit of about 400 troops.

(4) one or two motorized rifle battalions

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(5) One motorcycle battalion of about 200 men, equipped with motor vehicles

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(6) High unit headquarters to which the following vehicles allegedly belonged:

passenger cars

Trucks

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Heavy traffic was observed between the Kaserne and Radebeul.

c. In early January 1950 occupied by about 1,200 troops allegedly belonging to an infantry unit, a tank unit, and an artillery unit and a motorcycle unit.

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Four 50 to 60-mm AT guns without muzzle brake, jeeps with four mounted heavy machine guns (one in each corner), heavy sidecar motorcycles with a mounted heavy machine gun and motorcycles without sidecars were seen.

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4. Koenig-Georg Kaserne on Nordallee (including the northern section of Koenig Albert Kaserne and the northern section of Fabrice Kaserne): (4)

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a. Occupied to capacity on 8 December 1949. Observed troops wore tank insignia.

b. Occupied to capacity by about 800 troops with 60 tanks, allegedly one tank regiment of six companies on 20 December 1949. Most of the troops were allegedly from 22 to 25 years of age. They were said to have been recruited in the Caucasus area.

the regiment's activities in mid-December 1949 were almost exclusively night exercises at the Heller troop training grounds. In daytime the troops were off duty.

5. MG Kaserne on Alaanplatz (5):

a. Occupied by 400 troops, allegedly one infantry battalion on 16 December 1949. Observed soldiers wore red epaulets.

b. In early January 1950 occupied by about 500 troops, about 30 percent being 18-year-old recruits. The unit detached guard details of 2 officers, 3 NCOs and 30 AM for the Kommandatura. Observed troops wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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6. Former Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Klotzsche (6):

a. occupied by about 1,200 troops, 60 percent allegedly recruits in early January 1950. The recruits were quartered in the northern kaserne section and the trained personnel in the southern section. A tank unit and an artillery unit (200 men at the most, allegedly belonging to the artillery unit in the "Napola" former Nazi training school) were observed to be stationed in the kaserne.

A T/64 tank was seen at the kaserne gate.

Heavy weapons and tanks were said to be stored at the Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) troop training grounds.

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Six units of about 70 officers and about 300 EM had fallen in at the kaserne yard on the occasion of a military celebration on 18 December 1949.

b. occupied by a tank unit (allegedly a regiment) an SP artillery unit and an artillery unit in mid-January 1950.

Most of the observed soldiers were very young. About 250 troops were drilled on the area opposite the kaserne.

Drivers were trained on two tank chassis.

Radio trucks
kaserne area.

were parked in the

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7. Former Schuetzen Kaserne on Nordallee-Taunusstrasse (7)

a. occupied by 600 to 700 troops on 16 December 1949. Soldiers wearing black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were observed.

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b. occupied by an infantry unit of 600 to 800 troops, allegedly most of them being recruits, in early January 1950.

A ration supply depot with a personnel of about 120 was in the western kaserne section.

The destroyed section of the kaserne was being reconstructed. A 30-foot antenna mast was on top of one building.

8. Bucher Kaserne (8)

occupied by 500 to 600 troops, allegedly of the MVD in mid-January 1950.

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9. former Luftwaffen Kaserne, Niekern: (9)

a. Lightly occupied by a unit estimated at one battalion on 3 December 1949. Troops underwent basic training in the kaserne yard.

b. occupied by about 400 troops, allegedly two battalions of a rifle regiment, an artillery unit and a signal unit on 18 January 1950. Two tents with high antennas and two tents with low antennae were seen in the northwestern kaserne section.

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night exercises with armed reconnaissance cars participating were held weekly in the area S7 of the kaserne.

10. former Luftkriegs Schule, Weidorf: (10)

a. Occupied to capacity on 6 December 1949. Observed troops wore light-green epaulets.

b. Occupied by about 500 MVD troops in early January 1950. Officers were billeted in the villas bordering on the kaserne on the north.

A company leaving the kaserne numbered about 120 men and consisted of three platoons of three squads each. Each squad had 1 M20 and 12 men and was equipped with one light machine gun.

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c. Occupied by about 1,000 troops on 10 January 1950. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered green epaulets were seen. They allegedly belonged to LVD and Soviet army units. 50X1-HUM

11. Former Napola (Nazi Training School) on Loenigsbrueckerstrasse, Klotzsche: (11)

a. Occupied to capacity on 6 December 1949. Observed troops wore black epaulets. 50X1-HUM

b. In early January 1950 occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops allegedly belonging to the following units:

(1) Division headquarters, elements of which may also be stationed in the school on Karl-Marxstrasse.

(2) Infantry unit (allegedly a Headquarters unit) of 120 to 150 men, armed with rapid-fire rifles. They were taller than 1.90 meters. They were 18 to 20 years of age.

(3) Motor transport unit of 100 to 120 men.

(4) Signal unit (radio insignia) of one platoon or one company.

(5) Tank unit of 300 to 400 men, including 17 to 18-year-old recruits. Three tanks with long-barreled guns were observed.

(6) Artillery unit of about 250 men. Other elements of this unit were quartered in the kaserne-like apartment houses in Klotzsche.

Motor vehicles with [redacted] drivers wearing artillery insignia and motor vehicles with [redacted] drivers wearing motor transport insignia were observed. 50X1-HUM

c. In mid-January 1950 occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers with and without tank insignia and some with the guards badge were seen. There were many officers and NCOs.

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12. Headquarters, Weisser Hirsch: (12)

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(1) The Dresden city kommandatura and its chief Gds Col Bortnikov were confirmed up to 30 November 1949.

(2) Known to be occupied by signal and engineer units.

(3) The 6th Mtel Bn [redacted] of the First Gds Mecz Army was confirmed up to early January 1950.

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The motorcycle unit (200 men) [redacted]

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[redacted] was observed on 16 December 1949, is believed to be the ? No Mtel Bn (9th Gds Mtel Bn during the war) of the 11 Gds Tank Div.

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[redacted] the following units may also be stationed there:

A tank unit of the 11th Gds Tank Div
An artillery unit of the 9th Tank Div
One or two motorized rifle battalions (Headquarters units of the first Gds Mecz Army)

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Headquarters unit of the 8th Gds Mecz Div [redacted]

(4) A tank regiment (either the 11th Gds Tank Div or the ? No. Hv SP Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army ?) as indicated by the information.

(5) Reported to be occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 troops in mid-December 1949.

(6) A tank regiment of the 11th Gds Tank Div (40th Gds Tank Regt or 7th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt).

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(7) The Schuetzen Kaserne is also referred to as Adolf Hitler Kaserne. Presumably occupied by Headquarters units (guard units ?) of the first Gds Mecz Army.

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(8) Probably not occupied up to November 1949. [redacted]

[redacted] an MVD unit, possibly connected with MVD units in the Weixdorf Luftkriegs Schule, was stationed there.

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(9) Component units of the 11th Gds Tank Div and Headquarters units of the first Gds Mecz Army.

(10) The occupation of the kaserne by an MVD unit confirms previous information. A small Soviet Army unit (Headquarters unit first Gds Mecz Army ?) may also be stationed there.

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(11) The mention of a division headquarters (C) and the observation of many officers and NCOs (C) in the kaserne confirms the Hq 11th Gds Tank Div and presumably component units of the 153rd Gds Sig Bn of this division as having been stationed in Klotzsche up to mid-January 1950. 50X1-HUM

(12) [REDACTED]
col Kulimanov was identified as lieutenant colonel and chief of staff of General Maltsev (Chief of the Wismuth-Corporation) in Dresden, Weisser Hirsch [REDACTED]

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